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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On February 11, 2009, at approximately 12:30 am, San Antonio Police Officer Daniel Vega, a 12 year veteran was dispatched to a call for a one vehicle accident at 34th St and Elson. When Officer Vega arrived he contacted the driver of the vehicle. The driver then made an attempt to run from Officer Vega, but Officer Vega grabbed the driver by the arm. At this time, the suspect reached into his waistband and pulled out a semi-automatic handgun. The suspect fired at Officer Vega hitting him in the leg. Officer Vega was able to draw his service weapon and fire multiple times neutralizing the suspect's attack. The suspect was hit once in the upper arm and upper leg. EMS made the scene and transported both the officer and suspect to University Hospital.

The suspect will be charged with Attempted Capital Murder.

The identity of the suspect will be withheld pending formal charges.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief William McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Vega will be placed on administrative duty pending the outcome of the investigation.

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